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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 220264

1. REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH BOUTROS THIS MORNING AUGUST 30. AFTER CHECKING, HIS SECRETARY INFORMED ME THAT HE REGRETS THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE TIED UP AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ALL DAY AND CAN NOT SEE ME UNTIL 9:45 A.M. LOCAL TOMORROW AUGUST 31. IT WAS LEFT THAT IF HE DOES HAVE ANY SPARE TIME LATER TODAY, I WILL REMAIN ON CALL AND COULD COME TO SEE HIM AT SHORT NOTICE. ACCORDING TO RSO, ROUTES TO BOTH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ARE ACCESSIBLE TODAY.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME REASON BOUTROS IS CLOSETED IN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT BAABDA IS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTENSIVE POST-MORTEM OR INQUEST OVER THE ADF CONDUCT OF ITS OPERATION IN THE CEDARS-BCHARRE AREA (BEIRUT 5025 AND SEPTTEL). IF SO, IT COULD BE MORE USEFUL FOR US IF I SEE HIM AFTER THE BAABDA MEETING RATHER THAN IMMEDIATELY. ASSUMING I CAN

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NOT SEE HIM UNTIL TOMORROW, AND AMBASSADOR SEELYE GETS THROUGH TO THE SYRIANS TODAY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW MUCH OF AMBASSADOR SEELYE'S CONVERSATION WITH THE SYRIANS I CAN RELAY TO BOUTROS.
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